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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall publish and
4 distribute a compilation of all effective regulations adopted by all state
5 agencies subsequent to October 27, 1970, except regulations adopted
6 pursuant to subsection (f) of section 4-168. Such publication may be a
7 supplement to or revision of the most current compilation, and shall be
8 published at least semiannually. The Commission on Official Legal
9 Publications may omit from such compilation (1) any regulation that is
10 incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and published
11 by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal agency, a
12 government agency of another state or a commercial publishing
13 company, (2) any regulation that is too expensive to publish, or (3) any
14 regulation the publication of which would be unduly cumbersome. If
15 the commission omits a regulation from the compilation, it shall

16 publish in the compilation a notice identifying the omitted regulation,
17 stating the general subject matter of the regulation and stating an
18 address, telephone number and any other information needed to
19 obtain a copy of the regulation. Such address and telephone number
20 shall be kept current in each semiannual publication of the
21 compilation. The commission shall publish any regulation that has
22 been omitted from publication under subdivision (2) of this subsection
23 as soon as the commission has sufficient funds.

24 (b) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall in addition
25 cause to be published in the Connecticut Law Journal at least monthly
26 the text of all regulations received by the commission from the office of
27 the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 4-172 during the
28 preceding month. The commission may omit from the Connecticut
29 Law Journal (1) any regulation submitted in accordance with
30 subsection (g) of section 4-168, for the purposes of renumbering
31 sections only, if a correlated table of the former and new section
32 numbers is published in lieu of the full text, (2) any regulation that is
33 incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and published
34 by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal agency, a
35 government agency of another state or a commercial publishing
36 company, and (3) any regulation the publication of which would be
37 too expensive or unduly cumbersome. If the commission omits a
38 regulation from publication in the Connecticut Law Journal under
39 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, the commission shall publish
40 in the Connecticut Law Journal a notice identifying the omitted
41 regulation, stating the general subject matter of the regulation and
42 stating an address, telephone number and any other information
43 needed to obtain a copy of the regulation.

44 (c) Each agency which adopts a regulation shall make the regulation
45 available for inspection and copying at its main office. On and after
46 October 1, 2011, each agency shall post on its Internet web site any
47 regulation of such agency that (1) is published pursuant to subsection
48 (b) of this section on or after said date, or (2) was omitted from such

49 publication pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section
50 and identified in a notice of omission published on or after said date.
51 Not later than January 1, 2012, each such agency shall post on its web
52 site any effective regulation of such agency. Prior to the posting of any
53 regulation on its web site, each agency shall submit the regulation to
54 the office of the Secretary of the State for certification that the content
55 of the regulation is consistent with the content of the regulation that
56 was filed with said office in accordance with the provisions of section
57 4-172.

58 (d) Any publication made pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this
59 section shall be made available upon request to agencies and officials
60 of this state free of charge, and to other persons at prices fixed by the
61 Commission on Official Legal Publications, in accordance with section
62 51-216b.

63 (e) The compilation of regulations published under subsection (a) of
64 this section and all Connecticut regulations omitted from the
65 compilation under subsection (a) shall be maintained in the reference
66 collection of each law library described in section 11-19a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2011	4-173
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Statement of Purpose:

To require state agency regulations to be posted on the Internet web site of the state agency adopting such regulations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]